Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Certainly, it will be done. As a matter of fact it has to be done.

The motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Question put.—*that the demand may be passed.*

Motion carried.

6. III—Co-operative Societies—Rs. 600.

President.—The next demand is for Rs. 600 under III-Co-operative Societies.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment Rs. 600 under III-Co-operative Societies. This amount is required to give a grant of an equal amount to the Central Co-operative Institute. The amount of Rs. 600 includes two items of 150 each and one of 300. They have got only a small balance of about 800 rupees on the opening day of 1st Chingam 1106. From that it will not be possible to meet the three items for which the grant is proposed to be given. They are for a Reading Room, for starting a training class, and for some propaganda. This is an institution which can really do a good deal of good to the co-operative movement as a whole. Unfortunately the difficulty has been that there is a large amount of arrears to be collected from the subscribers. That itself amounts to about 2 thousand and odd rupees, with the result that the actual working balance they have in hand—including the 5,000 rupees grant that the Government made in 1102—is only about 800 rupees and odd. The net result is that if this small grant of Rs. 600 is refused, the working of the institute as a whole may stand still.

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Is this the first grant that the Government is going to make?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No, as I had already said the Government gave them a grant of Rs. 5,000 in 1102. This also was taken into account when I said that there is only a balance of 800 and odd rupees on the opening day of 1st Chingam 1106. Therefore this grant is really essential; and the Committee now seems to be very enthusiastic. They have arranged for holding a conference very soon in summer and are taking keen interest in improving the condition of the institute. So this Rs. 600 will be a deserved help to this growing and going institution. I submit that this may be passed.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Some subscription falling due was mentioned. Will you please explain it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—An arrear subscription of about Rs. 2,000 and odd is to be collected from the members of the institute.

Dr A. G. Menon.—Why such large sums in arrears? Was it due to want of proper collection or anything else?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Certainly, it is due to want of proper collection.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Does the membership consist in societies or in individuals?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Some of the members are societies and some are individuals. I think there are something like 42 or 43 societies as members of the institute.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 600 for III—Co-operative Societies by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I have tabled this motion in order to get an insight into the working of the Central Co-operative Institute and, if possible, for the Government to point out the tangible results that have followed its efforts in the country. As far as I know, there are not in existence any co-operative society for the supply of good seeds, implements or manure in the rural areas. What propaganda has been carried on and what the result has been, is not known to us. Of course to any deserving society, working for the spread of co-operation, we would be only glad to give the maximum help possible. But since we are satisfied that actual work in co-operation is not being done, it becomes very difficult. At the Standing Finance Committee the Hon'ble Members pressed upon the Government the necessity for obtaining from the Central Co-operative Institute a succinct report upon the working of it. I hope the Government has done something in the matter to enlighten us. Of course we gave them a grant of Rs. 5,000 and it came out that only about Rs. 2,500 of that money have been spent or at least for which accounts are known. How the balance have been spent and what happened to the balance we do not know. The control of the Government over this Institute also seem to be very small. Of course we want the Government to encourage societies if they do useful work in the country. We take the words of the Hon'ble mover that it is a very useful society and so we do not want to say anything in disparagement of them. But we would like to have tangible results, if any, made known to us. It is only for that purpose that this motion has been tabled.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Regarding tangible results that have been achieved by the Institute, I can only read extracts from the Administration Report—the 6th annual report—and say that they have been taking serious steps to open a training class. They have got some curriculum of their own prepared and it is reported that the matter has been taken to the notice of the President of the Economic Development Committee,

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Secondly, they have been running a co-operative magazine called "Sahakarana Probhodini" and that is continued to be published. Then last year, in 1105, they made all preliminary arrangements for having a State Co-operative Conference, but the thing had to be abandoned due to the sad demise of the Valiamma Raja, almost about that time. Then again in 1105 they held a Taluk conference in Chittur along with the other exhibitions that were going on there. There were 9 magic lantern lectures on a variety of subjects. They propose to make arrangements for regular propaganda work during the current year. Then on the rural reconstruction they have prepared a scheme. A library and reading room has been opened and the attendance is reported to be quite satisfactory. This is all that they have been able to achieve.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Did they submit a scheme of rural reconstruction to the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is reported that the Institute has submitted to the Government a scheme for rural reconstruction and that this is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It was said that they propose to open a training class. For training whom, and in what;

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—For training pupils in co-operative subjects.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I may add that in addition to what has been done by the Economic Development Committee in this connection, it is also one of the subjects introduced into the new curriculum of studies of the High Schools, in place of manual training as in British India. Manual training has been deleted in Cochin and the department has suggested the introduction of the subject of co-operation. So, that is likely to spread diffusion of the knowledge about co-operation. With regard to "tangible results", one or two points have to be noted by this House, for the results have not been so good as they might have been wished to be. Co-operative Societies here mostly comprise co-operative credit societies and we have neither co-operative societies of production nor co-operative societies of whole-sale. Whatever the results may be they are not likely to be tangible unless you can have fairly good balance sheets. In the case of co-operative whole-sale societies, until co-operation extends to rural areas of production and distribution the results are not likely to be apparently tangible. It is hoped that with the extension of co-operative efforts these societies with regard to production and distribution will be started and results will be more evident and tangible to the House.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know whether any single society has been started anywhere in regard to production or distribution through the efforts of this Institute?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There are small co-operative societies of sales but they cannot be called co-operative whole-sale societies because they do not control the whole-sale. They are very small societies, and like all small societies with small capital it is very difficult to balance their budgets and there is considerable irregularity in the matter of subscription which is not a wholly localised evil.

The motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Question put:—*that the demand may be passed.*

Motion carried.

7. VII—Stamps—Rs. 240.

President.—The next demand is for Rs. 240 under VII-Stamps.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 240 under VII-Stamps. On account of pressure of work in the Bills section of the Stamp and Stationery Department, one of the reasons for which was the large accounts that had to be settled in connection with His Excellency the Viceroy's visit, an additional clerk had to be appointed towards the close of last year. That officer has been paid his salaries, according to the Account Code, section 144, which states that all salaries should be paid irrespective of particular budget provision. But the accumulated salaries for six months and odd at Rs. 30 each comes to about Rs. 240 and this sum is now proposed to be moved. I might also submit for the information of the House that this demand did not come up earlier in the Legislative Session because it was thought that this being a small amount it might be possible to meet it by transfer from some other head. Now it is found that it is not possible to do so and therefore the demand for Rs. 240 is made to meet the salary of this additional clerk who was appointed sometimes towards the very close of last year to tackle with the additional work in the Stamps and Stationery Department. I submit that this may be passed by this House.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know the section of the Account Code?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—See Cochin Account Code, Vol. I, section 144.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I want to know it, because I have been answered that, although the pay was met without provision in the budget, yet there is a provision in the Code.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is a total budget grant. It should not be understood that the amount was drawn

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